Law to check human trafficking

494. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to draft a new law to check human trafficking particularly exploitation of minor girls and boys;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to drop "Soliciting" as an offence; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore considering prostitution is generally due to force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government proposes to amend the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, to make it more stringent for traffickers and more humane for victims.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

Allocation for education and other social welfare measures

495. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation for education and other social welfare measures in respect of children during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the allocation is very meagre in relation to other schemes and that even this allocation remains under-utilised;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to enhance the allocation and issue strict guidelines for full utilization of the allocated amount; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The details of allocation of funds for education and other welfare sectors in respect of children during last five years is given in the Statement. (*See* below)